

IN THE CLAIMS

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims in reference to the present application.

Listing of the Claims

C1 1. (currently amended) A protective assembly for a computer system,
comprising:

a chassis;

an access panel;

a first and a second latch member secured to the access panel;

a first and a second catch member moveably secured to the chassis,
wherein the first catch member is disposed on ~~the~~an interior
side of a first sidewall of the chassis to secure the first latch
member and the second catch member is disposed on ~~the~~an
interior side of a second sidewall of the chassis, opposite the
first sidewall, to secure the second latch member, the first and
second catch members being biased in a first direction to secure
the first and second latch members and being movable in a
second direction to release the first and second latch members;
and

a first and a second operator, wherein the first operator is disposed on
~~the~~an exterior side of the first sidewall and secured through
the chassis to the first catch member and the second operator is
disposed on ~~the~~an exterior side of the second sidewall, the first
and second operators being adapted to move the first and

C1 | second catch members in the second direction to ~~release-~~
disengage with respect to the first and second latch members.

2. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the latch member includes a first engaging portion and a first securing portion and the catch member includes a second engaging portion and a second securing portion, the first and second engaging portions being adapted to enable the first securing portion engage the second securing portion to displace the catch member, the first and second securing portions being adapted to enable the second securing portion capture the first securing portion.

3. (canceled).

4. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim 2, wherein the first engaging portion slidingly engages the second engaging portion and displaces the catch member ~~from the first position~~ in the second direction as the access panel is moved to a closed position on the chassis.

5. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim 4, wherein at the closed position, the first engaging portion and the second engaging portion are no longer in sliding engagement and the catch member is ~~biased back to the first position~~ in the first direction.

6. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim-5 2, wherein the second securing portion is disposed over the first securing portion when the catch member is in the a first position.

7. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim-6 2, wherein the first securing portion and the second securing portion are flat with respect to the access panel in a closed position in relation to the chassis.

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8. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim 6 2, wherein the first engaging portion and the second engaging portion are angled with respect to the access panel in a closed position in relation to the chassis.

9. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim 7, wherein the latch member is ~~released~~releaseable from the catch member by displacing the catch member ~~so~~such that the second securing portion is not disposed over the first securing portion.

10. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the catch member is biased in the first direction by a spring.

11. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 2, wherein each catch member includes a third engaging portion and a third securing portion symmetrical about an axis with the second engaging portion and the second securing portion, the second securing portion being adapted to capture the first securing portion of the first latch member when the catch member is disposed on the first sidewall of the chassis and the third securing portion being adapted to capture the first securing portion of the second latch member when the catch member is disposed on the second sidewall of the chassis.

12. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim 2, wherein the first engaging portion and the second engaging portion are configured for sliding engagement with respect to one another.

13. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim 2, wherein the first securing portion and the second securing portion are configured for abutment with respect to one another.

C1 14. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim 2, wherein the access panel is pivoted about a first end to ~~dispose~~ position the access panel ~~on-~~ relative to the chassis.

15. (original) The system as recited in claim 1, comprising a spring to bias the access panel to an open position.

16. (canceled).

17. (currently amended) The first member as recited in claim 19, wherein the first surface is angled with respect to the access panel in the closed position.

18. (currently amended) The first member as recited in claim 17, wherein the second surface is generally flat with respect to the access panel in the closed position.

19. (currently amended) A securing member for securing an access panel having a first and a second latch extending therefrom to a chassis, the securing member comprising:

a first surface configured for sliding engagement with the first latch as the access panel is pivoted towards a closed position on the chassis when the securing member is disposed on a first side of the chassis;

a second surface configured to restrict movement of the first latch when the securing member is disposed on a first side of the chassis;

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a third surface configured for sliding engagement with the second latch as the access panel is pivoted towards a closed position on the chassis when the securing member is disposed on a second side of the chassis, opposite-nonadjacent to the first side; and

a fourth surface configured to restrict movement of the second latch when the securing member is disposed on second side of the chassis, the third surface and fourth surface being oriented symmetrically about an axis with the first surface and second surface.

20-24. (cancelled).

25. (currently amended) A method of assembling an electronic system, comprising:

providing a chassis having a first opening through a first sidewall and a second opening through a second sidewall opposite the first sidewall;

providing a plurality of interchangeable catch members adapted to be selectively disposed on the-an interior side of opposite sidewalls of a-the chassis to releasably capture a latch member extending from an access panel;

providing a plurality of manual operators adapted to be disposed on the-an exterior of the chassis and securable to the plurality of catch members through an opening in the chassis such that the operators are configured to actuate the catch members;

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~~providing a chassis having a first opening through a first sidewall and a second opening through a second sidewall opposite the first sidewall;~~

securing one of the plurality of catch members to one of the plurality of manual operators through the first opening in the first sidewall;
and

securing a second of the plurality of catch members to a second one of the plurality of manual operators through the second opening in the second sidewall.

26. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 25, further comprising: disposing a biasing member within each of the catch members.

27. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 26, comprising aligning each of the catch members with a guide rail adapted to extend into each catch member.

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28. (new) A housing for a computer device, comprising:
a chassis configured to house at least one computer component, the chassis having a plurality of sidewalls;
an access panel coupleable to the chassis;
first and second latch members located on the access panel;
a first catch member moveably secured to the chassis on an interior side of a first sidewall of the chassis and configured to engage with the first latch member;
a second catch member moveably secured to the chassis on an interior side of a second sidewall and configured to engage with the second latch

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member, wherein the second sidewall is not adjacent to the first sidewall;

a first operator disposed on an exterior side of the first sidewall and coupled to the first catch member via a first extension member extending through the first sidewall; and

a second operator disposed on an exterior side of the second sidewall and coupled to the second catch member via a second extension member extending through the second sidewall, wherein actuation of the first and second operators in a first direction disengages the first and second catch members from the first and second latch members respectively.

29. (new) The housing as recited in claim 28, wherein the first and second catch members are slidably moveable.

30. (new) The housing as recited in claim 28, wherein the first and second latch members are configured to bias the first and second catch members in the first direction via engagement between the first and second catch members and the first and second release members during positioning of the access panel in a closed position with respect to the chassis.

31. (new) The housing as recited in claim 28, comprising a leaf spring coupled to the chassis and configured to bias the access panel away to an open position with respect to the chassis.

32. (new) The housing as recited in claim 28, wherein the first and second catch members are substantially identical.

33. (new) The housing as recited in claim 28, wherein the first and second catch members are interchangeable.

C2 34. (new) A housing for a computer device, comprising:
a chassis configured to house at least one computer component;
an access panel coupled to the chassis, wherein the access panel is pivotable
with respect to the chassis;
first and second latch members located on the access panel;
a first catch member located on a first sidewall of the chassis and configured to
engage with the first latch member, the first catch member being
moveable in a first direction; and
a second catch member located on a second sidewall not adjacent to the first
sidewall and configured to engage with the second latch member,
wherein the second catch member is moveable in the first direction,
and wherein the first and second catch members are configured to
disengage with the first and second latch members respectively via
actuation of the first and second catch members in the first direction.

35. (new) The housing as recited in claim 34, comprising a biasing
mechanism configured to bias the first and second catch mechanisms in a second
direction, wherein the second direction is axially opposite the first direction.

36. (new) The housing as recited in claim 34, wherein the first and second
catch members are substantially identical.

37. (new) The housing as recited in claim 37, wherein the first and second
catch members are interchangeable.

38. (new) The housing as recited in claim 37, wherein the first and second
latch members are configured to actuate the first and second catch members
respectively in the first direction during positioning of the access panel to a closed
position with respect to the chassis.
